

3.5.1 Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan

Monitoring

EMA, in partnership with MSD, LOJIC, and members of the Plan Development Team will monitor the status and progress of the plan elements on an annual basis. The current Planning Team and Advisory Committee will continue to meet on a quarterly basis, but will change their name to the Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee. EMA will be the primary point of contact for County, State, and Federal Officials and will coordinate with MSD and LOJIC on all local efforts to monitor, evaluate, and update the plan.

For local purposes, an annual progress report for the All Hazards Mitigation Plan will be developed in conjunction with the Community Rating System (CRS) program's annual recertification. The progress report will be the vehicle used to monitor, implement, and evaluate the plan, and may lead to plan updates. These reports will be designed to allow responsible agencies and organizations the ability to list issues and successes for implementing the mitigation actions. Annually, the Hazard Mitigation subcommittees will evaluate and update their actions and develop status reports on progress, due with CRS Recertification by October 1 beginning with the first calendar year of the plan (CY 2006).

The annual progress report will be widely distributed to participating agencies, neighborhoods, and to all disaster-related agencies, including the governing body and the public via public notices and public outreach. NOTE: These annual progress reports also can be submitted to the state, if requested.

As stated in The Partnering Agreement, signed by the Planning Team and the Advisory Committee:

"To maintain the All Hazard Mitigation Plan as a working plan, we pledge to reconvene at least annually to keep our goals and recommendations viable. As we achieve the priority recommendations in the Plan, we will report on the progress to the community and continue to update the plan for the future."

Evaluating

Louisville Metro EMA, MSD, LOJIC, and members of the Committee will evaluate the status and progress of the plan elements on a quarterly basis. Continued stakeholder evaluation of the plan and achievement of goals and objectives will be provided through meetings or a survey that will seek information about the agency or organization's activities with respect to hazard mitigation. Public comment on the plan and achievement of goals and objectives will also be solicited annually.

Updating

As part of a more comprehensive effort to improve data quality and update data as it becomes available (i.e. infrastructure data, property valuation data, hazard data, and a wide variety of GIS-related efforts that will improve the accuracy and soundness of the plan), the Committee will meet quarterly to review, amend and update the plan. The LOJIC GIS will serve as the repository for all spatial data required for the ongoing maintenance of the Plan.

Priority will be given to the post-hazard event timeframe for mitigation. Immediately following a natural disaster, when current listed mitigation goals, objectives and actions do not fully mitigate the new event an emergency Committee meeting maybe called to ensure opportunities are advanced. In addition, the Committee's ability to update the mitigation process by adding new data into the mitigation plan will allow for the efficient use of available resources, staff, and programs.

This Plan Maintenance process includes, but is not limited to, the proposal and passage (by majority vote) of updates by the Committee during a regular quarterly or emergency meeting. Any changes in the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be documented and appended in a section titled "Amendments". The Action Plan will be maintained as an Appendix so it can remain a living document.